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### **Via FOIA Online**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII  
11201 Renner Blvd.  
Lenexa, KS 66219

### **RE: Freedom of Information Act Request for EPA HQ's Nov. 19, 2013 Desk Statement and Related Documents**

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To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for a public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of "records" includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda, notes, reports, e-mail messages from both work and personal accounts, policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

### **Background**

On December 5, 2013, an email was sent by Region 7 staff member, Glenn Curtis, to a number of individuals discussing the proposed agenda for the 4-state meeting conference call, including reference to an "Iowa League of Cities v. EPA, HQ Desk Statement" dated November 19, 2013 (see attached). This email, which was released in a prior FOIA request, included redactions for non-responsiveness, but was not withheld due to any other exemption under FOIA.

### **Request**

Specifically, this Request seeks the following:

- An un-redacted and complete copy of the attached email discussing the Agency's agenda in their 4-state meeting conference call.
- A complete copy of the November 19, 2013 EPA HQ Desk Statement cited in the attached email; as well as any and all records transmitting this Desk Statement from EPA HQ to EPA Region 7.
- All records transmitting, referencing, or discussing the content and applicability of the November 19, 2013 HQ Desk Statement by Region 7 and EPA HQ.

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Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$250.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

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